



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 2, 2019

Case No.: F-2017-17100

Eric Lipton
The New York Times
[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Lipton:

In response to your request dated November 15, 2017, under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Department of State has retrieved five responsive records responsive to your request. After reviewing these records, we have determined that all five may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. In some instances, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. All released material is enclosed. The processing of your case is ongoing.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Cordaro at joseph.cordaro@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the request case number, F-2017-17100, and the civil action number, 19-cv-00645, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

From: Browne, Noah </o=SBUState/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=Browne, Noah93e>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Harris, Robert K <HarrisRK2@state.gov>
Cc: Briggs, Jamie M <Briggsjm2@state.gov>; Donnelly, Elizabeth A <DonnellyEA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

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No problem. And great work by the folks on the ground in China in spotting this potential issue.

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From: Harris, Robert K
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:05 PM
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Cc: Briggs, Jamie M; Donnelly, Elizabeth A
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

Noah,

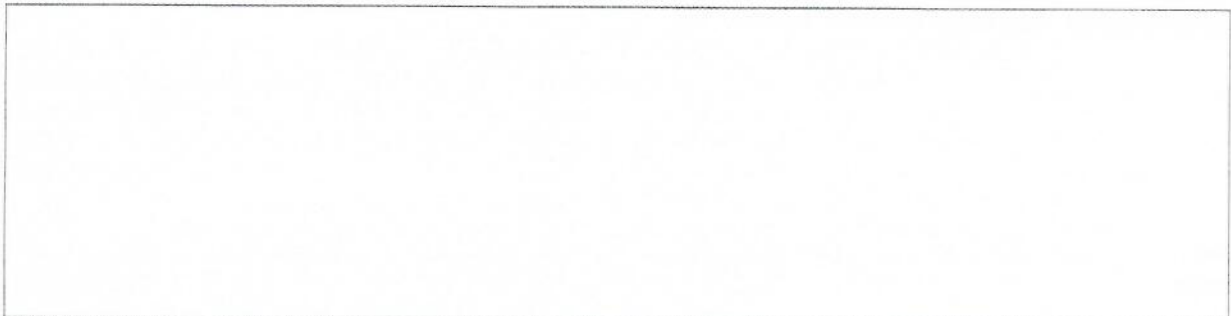
Hi. Thanks so much for your help on this.

Bob

From: Browne, Noah
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Voyles, Halima K; Briggs, Jamie M; Felsing, Evan T (Beijing); Donnelly, Elizabeth A; Harris, Robert K; Mann, Judy H
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Hi all,

Thanks for flagging this issue and looping us in.



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Please let me know how DOT responds and if we can further assist.

Best
Noah

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Jaime –

Tom/Evan – please advise if you've heard otherwise.

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Best regards,

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Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Browne, Noah <BrowneN@state.gov>
Cc: Mann, Judy H <MannJH@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

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Thanks. Janice was copied on the original message and she forwarded this to me. Do you have a moment to discuss?

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From: Browne, Noah
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David – can we chat about this?

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To: Browne, Noah <BrowneN@state.gov>
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Great. Thanks, Noah.

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From: Browne, Noah
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Briggs, Jamie M
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

You can loop in Judy Mann and me.

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From: Briggs, Jamie M
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Browne, Noah
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

Thanks, Noah. I'd like to loop in someone in your office on our reply. Who should we loop in?

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From: Browne, Noah
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Briggs, Jamie M
Subject: FW: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

Just a heads-up that Baron forwarded me this email.

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Happy to chat further...

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From: Lobstein, Baron P (Beijing)
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:32 AM
To: Browne, Noah
Cc: Felsing, Evan T (Beijing)
Subject: RE: Secretary Chao - Ethics Question

Noah,

Hello again from Beijing. Our section chief just sent the below message to some of your colleagues. I understand this issue may not fall directly under your purview in financial disclosures, but we wanted to make sure we were covering all of our bases.

All the best,
Baron

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If I can or should follow up, I'd be happy to, just let me know.

Thanks,

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From: Browne, Noah
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Judy – I'm sure that we'll be looped in on this by L/EAP, but I wanted to flag now.

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As requested.

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May 1, 2019

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Segment: LIT-0001 & L/EFD-0001

Eric Lipton
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Lipton:

I refer to our letter dated April 2, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under of the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of records has yielded three additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all three may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregated from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

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Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US; including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS.ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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David, [REDACTED]

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 Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 3:53 AM
 To: Browne, Noah
 Subject: Fw: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

Noah,

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Evan

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov>
 Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 11:31
 To: Felsing, Evan T (Beijing); Inman, Todd (OST); Furman, Jon (OST); McInerney, Marianne (OST); Traini, Joseph (OST); Abraham, Julie (DOT); Taylor-Hoes, Ronale
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We've been working with Ethics throughout this planning process. [REDACTED]

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As you may know, [REDACTED]

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 Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 7:15 PM
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Derek,

Great, please let us know as soon as the ethics office review is complete [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We can then proceed with planning for this schedule. Our ethics office may follow up with their DOT colleagues if they have any questions. Thanks again.

Evan

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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Subject: RE: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

Evan,

Thanks for the note and thanks to Mission China for all of their hard work. [REDACTED]

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and we are happy to help you to make this happen.

Regarding the participants for high-level meetings, [REDACTED]

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In terms of the topics, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Thanks for the heads up.

Let us know if you need anything else. We'll give you a call later tonight. Thanks again for your support.
Derek

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Subject: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

DOT Colleagues:

Mission China looks forward to Secretary Chao's upcoming visit to [REDACTED] from October 29-November 5 and to assisting in any way possible. We are confident that her visit will be a great success.

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In order to proceed with our efforts to set up Secretary Chao's official meetings, we need to know the identities of all

participants and the subject matter of the meetings. It would be very helpful if we could get confirmation from you in writing.

We will also need to conduct our own due diligence for these meetings here at the Embassy. Part of that process involves contacting our State Department ethics officials, and it's likely that they will reach out to DOT's ethics office. If you've already been in touch with your ethics officials, please provide us with a name. Otherwise, our ethics officials will reach out to your ethics officials in the course of normal due diligence.

Again, we look forward to supporting Secretary Chao's visit and ensuring that it is a success. Given the short time frame we are all facing, we hope that you can provide us with the requested information in writing by COB, Friday, October 20.

Best regards,

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Noah:

Thank you for your email. I've been trying to get a clear response from DOT all evening to no avail. I'll be in touch as soon as I get more information, but we can share with you a proposed agenda that we had been working from.

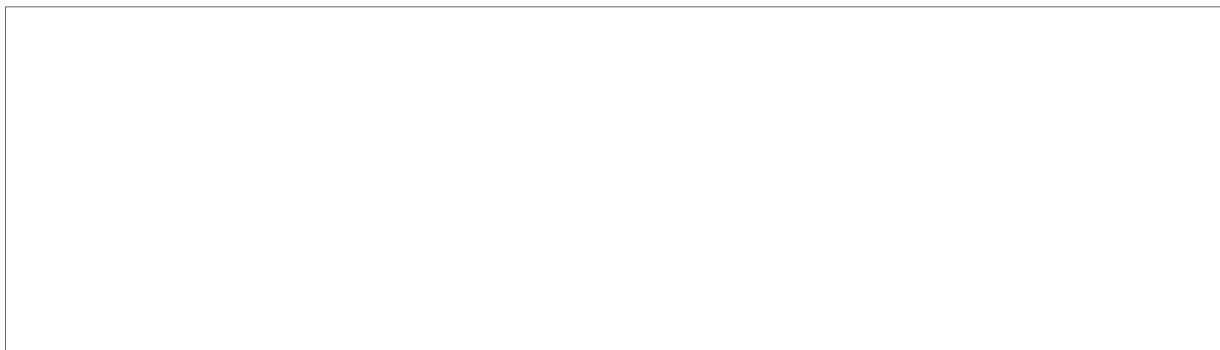
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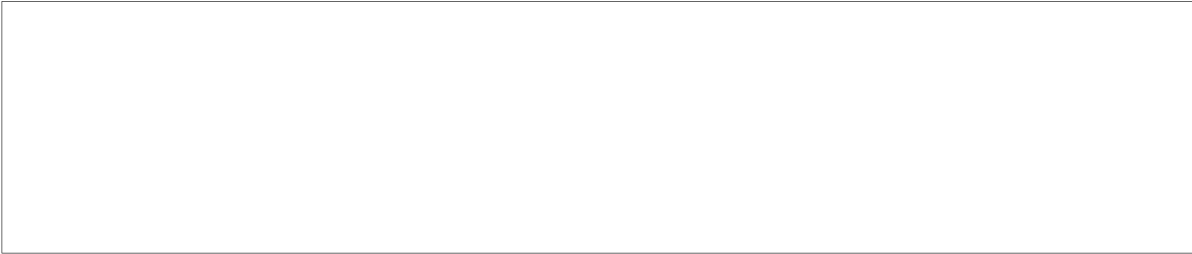
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[REDACTED] Thanks for the heads up.

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Again, we look forward to supporting Secretary Chao's visit and ensuring that it is a success. Given the short time frame we are all facing, we hope that you can provide us with the requested information in writing by COB, Friday, October 20.

Best regards,

Evan Felsing | 冯以宏

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Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:41 AM
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Subject: RE: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

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Will do.

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From: McManus, Katherine D
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Thanks. Kitty

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Subject: RE: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

Noah:

To close the loop, we learned this morning from DOT that Secretary Chao will not be traveling to China because of unexpected new demands on her schedule.

Thank you,

Tom

Thomas J. Leiby – 雷慕华 || Economic Officer – 经济官员 || Embassy of the United States in Beijing – 美国驻华大使馆

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Separately, we'll forward the full notional schedule.

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Subject: RE: Secretary Chao's Visit to China

Noah,

Still trying to get 100% confirmation about whether or not Secretary Chao will visit. In the meantime, to answer your questions:

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I'll ask Tom Leiby to try to track down a schedule and participant list for you immediately. Thanks again.

Evan

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Let's talk first thing this AM.

Evan

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 21, 2019

Case No.: F-2017-17100

Segments: LIT-0001 & L/EFD-0001

Eric Lipton
The New York Times
[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Lipton:

I refer you to our letter dated May 1, 2019, regarding the release of material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Upon further review of three records, it was determined that additional information could be segregated and released. The updated versions of these documents are enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Peter Aronoff at [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] 7. Please refer to the case number, F-2017-17100, and the civil action number, 19-cv-00645, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

Chief, Programs and Policies Division

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

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- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

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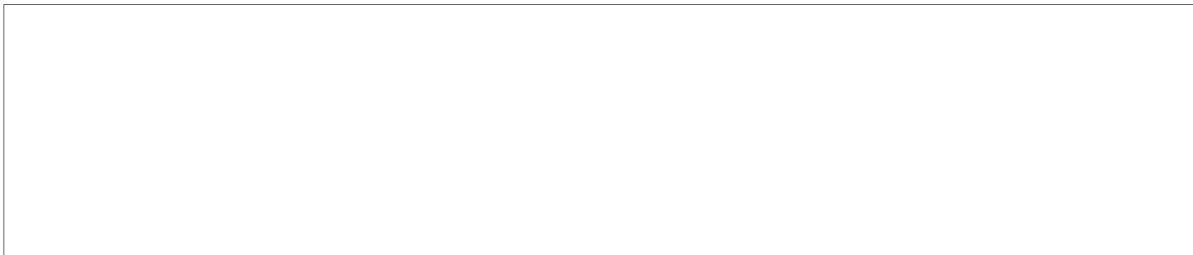
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Thanks. Kitty

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Thank you,

Tom

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I'll ask Tom Leiby to try to track down a schedule and participant list for you immediately. Thanks again.

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